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Werneuchen Airfield

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1. Werneuchen airfield was observed from 1:45 to 4:45 p.m. on 10 October 1951. Some of the six hangars at the field were open but no aircraft or equipment was observed. The barracks buildings were still occupied by construction workers. Two sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were seen on the southwestern edge of the installation. A wind sock was fitted on top of the westernmost hangar. No radio installations were observed.
2. Between 11 and 15 October, about 400 men arrived at the field by rail and truck. Ten women and 130 men, the latter wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, were counted and the rest estimated. No aircraft or radio installations were observed. Construction on the landing field and runway was still under way. Crates were observed arriving by train. Motor vehicles which entered and left the field
3. Between 1 and 6 October, 3,400 laborers and the previously reported machines were employed at the field. An area of 278,000 square meters was concreted. The Soviet construction staff ordered that grading should be completed on both sides of the runway, each strip being 100 meters wide, and on the extension strips on both ends of the runway. For this work, the Soviets were willing to employ an additional 33 trucks after 3 October. (2) Staking off and leveling started on the northern taxiway. (3) Upon completion of preparatory work the taxiway will be surveyed. Along this taxiway, 24 hardstands were planned instead of 12. Half of the drainage system was completed. In order to save cement, the mixture used for concreting the taxiways and hardstands contained 2 kg of cement per cubic meter which was less than the usual concrete mixture.
4. Work was being done on the aircraft parked in hangar 1. Some of the aircraft which were disassembled on the firing range were stored ends-up without any packing or spacing props, while their engines were packed in crates. (4)

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- (1) The arrival of air force personnel has been reported by other sources since July 1951. The reported arrival of personnel may indicate an initial occupation by ground components of an air unit. This assumption is supported by the fact that construction work at the field is nearing completion.
- (2) Work on and near the runway indicates that the field is being made serviceable for take-offs and landings and that an air unit will possibly arrive soon.
- (3) It was observed at previous runway constructions that only one taxiway was constructed parallel to the runway. The construction of taxiways on both sides of the runway is reported for the first time. From the completion of the runway and southern taxiway, it is believed that the field will probably be occupied before the northern taxiway is completed.
- (4) [REDACTED] the hangar is occupied by PE-2s which are probably to be disassembled and crated for transportation.

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